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DISTRICT OF DELAWAREIN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
FOR THE DISTRICT OF DELAWAREMichael Lee Rose
Plaintiff

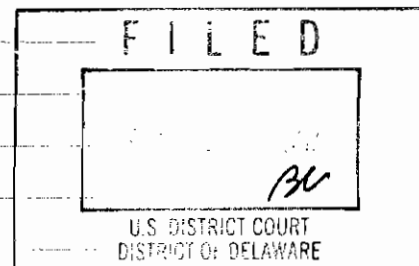
CIV-NO. 06-370-JJF

Defendants

FRIST CORRECTIONAL MEDICAL
CORRECTIONAL MEDICAL SERVICES

Dr. Niza

Motion to Amend



I was Transferred To D.O.C. Smyrna in 2002
I was placed in the MHU. In July 2004 I was
losing my pigment of my skin. I was med st
but my Body, turned a chalky color. Last E
Roger if I could see a Doctor about this and
Hepatitis C. She stated she put me in to see
a Disease Doctor. Nothing happened, 2 Month
later I saw Dr. John Doe, he gave some Selenic
Sulfide to put on my skin. This is used for Dandruff
I never seen any one about my Hepatitis C,

In Jan - 2005 I was moved To The Compound
D Building. In Feb 2nd I placed a Sick Call List
in. I stated I could not Breathe, I could ~~not~~
not walked to Chow, I had to stop 3-4 times gaspi
for air. Feb I went to Sick Call, Nothing was don
I was Sent back to my Building.

at That time I didnt know. My Body was full
up with fluid. I got so Sick I could not hardly
walk. The inmates stated To me I had turned
yellow and to go see the Doc, I sent written
statements about that To The Court.

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In May or about the 10. last The Sargent of the Building if I could go to Sick Call. I could hardly stand. He called the Infirmary, I was and saw Dr. Aie. I state to her I had been tryi of all most a year to see here or some Doctor that could help me about this serious medical condition. F.C.M. Did know of my problem w/ Hepatitis C. Dr. Rogers was work^{ing} under Colon of State for F.C.M. In 2005^{Sept}, I stated I would not leave the Infirmary until something was done. Dr. Aie put to bags of water into my system. I was all ready so full of fluids I could n walk. I was later taken to Kent General Hospi that Sep 8 on 2005.

I had only seen Dr. Naz once before that u on about Aug 12 2005. He stated there was nothing he could about My Hep. C until he had m Blood test. I stated to Dr. Naz F.C.M. CMS he Been taking 5, 6, 7 Tubes of Blood for years and had done Nothing. all he said was Next.

On or about the ⁹ of Sept 2005, Doctors at Kent General Hospital, Told me. Rose that my Liver and kidneys had shut down, To Hang in them and they would try and get me going again. I was going through severe pain, Mental confusi a long needle was pushed into my side to try and relieve the pressure ~~from~~ from my insi

There were 5.2 pounds glass containers. fill with fluid. When the needle was pushed into my side the fluid flew out like a water hose.

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I stayed for 3 days I believe. Then I was taken back to the prison infirmary, before I was leaving the Dr. John Doe stated to the prison guards I was not ready to be taken back yet, I was not out of the woods yet. This did not matter.

After, being placed back in the prison infirmary I stay in a room for 5 days. My hand, and feet and the rest of my body filled up with fluids again. My hand, and feet look like foot balls. I could not walk. I was hurting so bad all I could was lay on the bed. Then after 5 days say Sept 19, 20 Capt. Henry came in and seen me. I was all most dead. The Doctors Dr. Rogers, Dr. Alie, Dr. Niza, did nothing. I owe Capt. Henry my life she had me taken to St Frances Hospital in Wil. Del.

R.C.M. - C.M.S. knew all of this and its supervisors promolagation of Haphazard ill conceived procedures, misconduct all most killed me.

When I was at St Frances Hospital on Sept 19, 2000 I was told my liver and kidneys had shut down again. I had a large needle pushed into my side to try and drain the fluids. I was in so much pain I was given Morphine to ease my body of so much torture.

On Sept 21, Dr. Niaz came to see me. he stated he no longer worked for C.M.S. That he worked for the Hospital. He looked at me and said you only have 6 months to 1 year to live. I all most went into shock. I stated to him you said I would be fine at the prison.

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Dr. Niaz stated they had also found a spot my lung. I ask him what he was going to do it. He stated Nothing, you are to far gone. I didn't know what to say. The Doctor at St. Come in Dr. Soddshiva Rau and said. He could believe the prison or any Medical Contractor or Medical Provider, would let any person get into this shape he stated when the blood tests back and the skin pigment started. Treatment should have been given right then and there.

I stayed May's week and 1/2. I am not sure. Come back to the Infirmary. I was on morphine for severe pain.

I filed a Grievance, when I went to the grievance hearing I was told I was a waste of tax payers money. To be given treatment or so look where you eat was stated.

On Dec 23, 06 I saw Dr. Niaz. I ask him again about Treatment for my Hepatitis C. He state he couldn't do anything.

I saw Dr. Dush in Jan, 07 I ask him what he could do. he stated more Blood work.

I saw Dr. Candosen Feb, 21 / 07, he look at my chart and stated I now had cirrhosis of the liver. And wanted to know why I had not received Treatment of Interferon and other treatment. He stated Dr. Dush had put me in for it. But I never received it.

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On 3/10/07 I saw Dr. Mc Donnal a ~~Dr~~
 Deese Doctor. I ask him about treatment with
 Interferon and other aproved Drugs. He stated to
 give me treatment now would kill me. He made
 a statment to me. he said he had killed a few othr
 people befor for giving treatment to late. I was put
 in for a galbladder operation to help my liver.
 Dr. Van-Dusen all requested it. But Nothing has been
 done at all. The spot on my lung has not
 bee looked yet and that was Sept 21, 05.

I saw Dr. Van-Dusen he wanted to know again
 why I was not being treated to my serious
 Medical Condoitions. I stated I dont know.

On Oct 28/07 I ~~saw~~ ^{saw} Dr. Zahandy. He stated
 I now had a ~~Timeh~~ Cyst on my liver.

Dec. 10, 05

my Sister Tammy McCloud wrote a letter to the
 Governen of Del about my Medical Condition.
 The Governen sent her back a letter stating
 she would forward the information. So The
 Prison + F.C.M CMS knew of all thes
 problems. But Did Nothing.

I am asking the Court for Relief
 for the flowing reasons
 Refusing me treatment of Interferon + ~~other~~
 other Drugs that has been aproved for years
 for Hepitites C Refusing to check on my
 lung. By doing so coosed me severe
 Personal injury, Mental suffering, constant
 and neverending pain, Permanent Disability
 and Premature Death

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This ongoing serious medical Refusal is due to a written policy or pattern or custom of officially sanctioned behavior or conduct involved reckless or callous indifference to my rights or failing to oversee the people who has caused the wrong, such as hiring unqualified people or failing to adequately train the staff.

I wish to sue Dr. Niza in individual and official capacities, CMS ECM, under color of a stat and Dr. ~~Niza~~ Niza.

I am on morphine 4 times a day for the pain I stay in. My insides hurt 24 hours a day I have been on morphine since Oct 2005. I can not sleep, I stay in a constant state of in pain men because of this untreated disease. I can not eat sometime I have no appetite.

I seek relief under punitive and compensatory damages

Supervisors Liability for F.C.M. C.M.S.

Supervisors knew of Rose's serious medical needs by knowing of Low Suite, Medical Grievance Hospital stays, serious pain med. for 2 years and medical records, phone calls, the press, The Board of Pardon, Doctors, and a letter from the Governor for the Stat of a Debarment
City of St Louis v Pratornik - 485 U.S. 112, 108 S. Ct 915 923, (1988)

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~~Tadano~~ ~~V~~ ~~Wald~~ - 565 F.2d 48, 52⁹ ~~1~~ ~~1~~ ~~1~~

Supervisors promulgation of ~~haha~~ ~~Zdand~~ ill
conceived procedures

~~Robins~~ ~~V~~ ~~meehan~~ - 60 F.3d 143, 1442 9th Cir 1995

~~Cabral~~ ~~V~~ ~~County of Los Angeles~~, 864 F.2d 1454

1461 9th Cir 1988

~~Hicks~~ ~~V~~ ~~Frey~~ 992 1450 1457, 6th Cir 1993

~~Monell~~ ~~V~~ ~~Department of Social Services~~

436, US 658 694 95 1978

Policy was moving force behind unconstitution
violation

~~Barker~~ ~~V~~ ~~Salem~~, 953, F.2d 232 236 6th Cir 1992

~~Howell~~ ~~V~~ ~~Evans~~, 922 F.2d 712, 724, 11th Cir 1991

~~Miller~~ ~~V~~ ~~Correctional Sys. Inc.~~

802 F Supp 1126, 1130 C.D. Del 1992

~~Birrell~~ ~~V~~ ~~Brown~~, 867 F.2d 956, 959, 6th Cir 198

Misconduct can create Supervisory liability

~~Rode~~ ~~V~~ ~~Dellarciprete~~, 845 F.2d 1195, 1207

3rd Cir 1988, The Court finds that, on a motion
to dismiss, The Complaint is sufficient to allege
actual knowledge with appropriate, particular
thus defendant's motion to dismiss is denied

US Department of Justice - Dec 29:

Their investigation revealed that the medical
care provided at D.O.C. Smyrna falls below the
standard of care constitutionally required
by the state in the following areas,
management, monitoring and treatment
communicable diseases, monitoring and
treatment of chronic diseases,

on
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continuity of care following hospitalization: grievances. That there is no functioning Chronic Disease registry at H.R.Y.C.I. As a result, inmates with chronic disease are at risk for Deterioration in function, Kidney Disease, Liver failure and Death. The State means officials of D.O.C. Bureau of Prisons and their successors contractors and agents.

The US Department of Justice concluded inmates confined at the D.O.C. at Smyrna suffer harm or are placed at risk of harm from Constitutional deficiencies with aspects to medical and mental health.

Michael Reese

CMS, ^{F.C.M.} Has been taken to court for the last 15 ^{years} on Refusing to treat inmate with serious medical needs. In Michigan CMS health care is dismal. CMS cares more for money than adequate health care. Just in Delaware CMS F.C.M. Has been to court a lot of times. Department of Justice stated F.C.M. CMS, policies, Customs, Conduct had to be revised. I need a liver transplant or I will die. To let this type of conduct to continue is very harmful to the public inmates leave here to spread these diseases to the public. Because, Refused ~~to~~ Treatment by medical staff and F.C.M. CMS,

501. US 294 (1991)

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CMC. F.C.M. Dr. Niza and a number other Doctors
knew of Medical Condition and did not respond
in reasonable manner.

Farmen v Benhan - 511 US 825 (1994)

Spain v Proctor - 600 F.2d 189 9th Cir 1979

Toylan v Adams 221 F.3d 1254 1258 11th Cir 2000

Johnson v Wright 234 Supp 2d F SDNY 2002

Bregg v Georgia 173 C96 S^{ct} at 2925
infliction of Pain.

Lancaster v Lord

No 90-5843 1991, WL 51193 1993 US Lewis SDNY A
2 1991 Unpublished

Brooks v Celeste 39 F. 3d 125, 128, 29 6th Cir 1993

Shehrod 223 F. 3d at 611-12,

show only that serious Medical Needs were
consciously disregarded.

Estelle - 429 US. at 104 97 S^{ct} 285

a prisoner has a right Not to have his serious
Medical Needs disregarded by his Doctors.

Smith v Jenkins - 919 2d 90 8th Cir 1990

refusal to provide Medical Care Violates 8th Eq
Annest

Brown v Wright 315 F. 3d 158 2nd Cir 2003

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Estell v Gamble - 429 US 97, 104 97 S

285, 50 LEd 2d 258 1976

The requirement of Deliberate Indifference is
Less stringent in cases involving a Serious
Medical Need

Rogers v Evans - 792 F 2d 1052 1058 11th Cir 1986

Medical treatment that is grossly, incompetent
and inadequate

Whiten v Beorn 896 F2d 848 (4th Cir 1990)

Failure to provide the Care that treating physician
himself believes is necessary, constitutes
Deliberate Indifference

Mandel v Doe 888 F2d 783, 788 (11th Cir 1989)

Intentional refusal to provide care constitutes
Deliberate Indifference

Barretti v Wiscomb 930 F.2d 1150, 1154-55 (6th Cir 1992)

Hepatitis C cases

Thomas v Dragovich Civ A, 9758, 14 2000

US Dist Lexis 4761 E D Pa. Mar 28 2000

Bork - North Dakota Dep of Corrections and Rehabil
294 F 3d 1043 8th Cir 2002

Thanson - Wright - 234 Supp 2d F SDNY 200
was refused med other inmates Received for
Hepatitis C.

Plaintiff

Michael Lee

Certificate of Service

I, Michael Lee Rose, hereby certify that I have served a true

And correct cop(ies) of the attached: motion to Amend

_____ upon the following
parties/person (s):

TO: The United States District
Court for the District of
Delaware
844 North King St Lock Box 18
Wilm Del 19801-3570

TO: _____

TO: _____

TO: _____

BY PLACING SAME IN A SEALED ENVELOPE, and depositing same in the United States Mail at the Delaware Correctional Center, Smyrna, DE 19977.

On this ~~24~~ 24 day of Oct, 200 7

Michael Lee Rose

IM: Michael Lee Rose
SBI# 097880 UNIT 7-2-38
DELAWARE CORRECTIONAL CENTER
1181 PADDOCK ROAD
SMYRNA, DELAWARE 19977



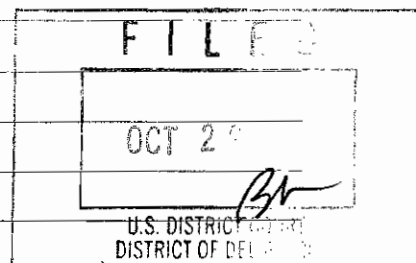
United States District Court
for The District of Delaware
844 North King St. Lot 8X18
Wilm Del 19801
3570

M.S. RAY

To The District Court

I dont know if I am to send the Defendant
 a copy of this Motion to Amend. Oh wait
 and see how the Court rules. I dont know
 what I am really doing. I just know I have
 be done a great harm. I know I need a lawyer
 I dont know how to put all of this together.
 I have never suited anyone before. I just
 my motions keep getting Denied. Oh some
 Defendants will not answer my motion for
 Interrogatories. I have Requested Production
 of Documents twice, motion for Admission
 & others every thing I ask for is relevant to
 information I need for trial. all I ask for is
 the truth nothing more nothing less. The
 application is made in good faith and is not
 intended to be a general fishing expedition
 I hope the Court will take this paper work
 as evidence to be put with the other I have
 sent in

Michael L. Rose





STATE OF DELAWARE
OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR

RUTH ANN MINNER
GOVERNOR

December 30, 2005

Tammy McCloud
5485 Enochville Sch. Road
China Grove, NV 28023

Dear Ms. McCloud:

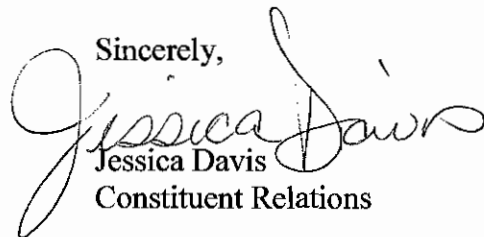
Thank you for contacting Governor Minner, and seeking her assistance in the resolution of your concerns. The Governor is pleased to provide her fellow Delawareans with information, aid or resources when possible.

Individual state agencies are often best equipped to address individual concerns, as they possess specific resources regarding a range of topics. As such, I have taken the liberty of forwarding your information and correspondence to the Department of Corrections. They can be reached at:

Department of Corrections
245 McKee Road
Dover, DE 19904
302-739-5601

If our office can be of further help to you, please do not hesitate to contact us at: (800) 292-9570 or (302) 744-4101. Best wishes in the speedy resolution of your concerns.

Sincerely,


Jessica Davis
Constituent Relations



Hospice of Stanly County, Inc.

960 North First Street
Albemarle, NC 28001
704-983-4216 Fax 704-983-6662

March 21, 2006

Ms. Sandra Roseman
14554 Fiji Ct.
Stanfield, NC 28163

RE: Michael Lee Roseman Referral for Hospice care services

Dear Ms. Roseman:

We appreciate your inquiry regarding hospice care services for your brother, Michael Lee Roseman. Hospice of Stanly County's mission is to provide quality compassionate care for people facing an incurable illness. Our care program focuses on caring for persons who are in the last stages of a life limiting disease, enabling them to live at home as fully and comfortably as possible.

It is our understanding that Mr. Roseman will be relocating to North Carolina to live with you at your residence in Stanfield. In order for Hospice of Stanly County, Inc. to provide services, you must arrange for a physician licensed by the North Carolina Medical Board to provide certification that Mr. Roseman is terminally ill with a life expectancy of six months or less if the terminal illness runs its natural course prior to admission to our care program.

Once hospice services are initiated, Hospice of Stanly County, Inc. will provide skilled care services based on the individual needs of the patient with visits by registered nurses being made at least weekly. Other disciplines including medical social work, certified nursing assistants and bereavement counseling will provide care as ordered by the patient's physician.

Please contact our office at 704-983-4216 to arrange for admission to our program once you have obtained physician's orders and have an expected arrival date for Mr. Roseman's relocation to NC.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Audrey M. Howell".

Audrey M. Howell
Executive Director

Affirming life through compassionate care



February 21, 2006

Dear: Michael Rose

We have received your name and address Ed Moczulski. At this time, we cannot put in any claims against the VA on your behalf due to you being incarcerated. If you would like free representation in any matter concerning the Department of Veterans Affairs (VA), after your release, we would be pleased to assist you.

Our office deals specifically with benefits involving veterans, their dependents, widows and survivors. Our service is provided free of charge. PVA is chartered by the Congress of the United States so that we may have the authority to represent clients before VA. We are here to represent your best interests and to attain the maximum benefits available to you.

If you wish to have PVA represent you, please complete the enclosed VA form 21-22, sign it where marked, and return it in the enclosed self-addressed envelope. Upon receiving the signed 21-22, we can request your C-File and review it, but we cannot file any claims. Once you are released, please contact our office at 302-633-5325.

We await your response and look forward to serving you.

Sincerely,

Darrell Johnson, Sr.
National Service Officer

NATIONAL SERVICE OFFICE

Wilmington VAMROC • 1601 Kirkwood Highway • Room 26 • Wilmington, DE 19805
(302) 633-5325/5392, 994-2511 EXT. 5325/5392 • (302) 994-6765 FAX

3-2006

Dear Bond of Pardons

I Jammy Rose Mead, writing this letter to your board, for the concern and the release of my brother whom is dying.
 Michael L. Rose SBI 097880.

I fully understand these are conditions that have to be in compliance, in order for his release. First he will be living with our sister Sandra Rose @ 14554 Fiji Court, Slampfield NC 28163 Ph# 704.485.4898.

Sandra has already met with Hospice, has everything set up with medical needs, and you should have already received a letter from them.

I understanding his health is falling fast and the sooner he could come home the prayers will have been answered.

Before Please just let him be here with his family when he passes away. I will do everything I can to help, I just hope you can grant this release in a speedy fashion.

Thank You

Jammy Mead

5485 Enochville Sch. Rd. China Grove NC 28023

Ph # 704 938 3417

Mead

3-1-06

The Board of Pardons
The Secretary of State: Delaware
401 Federal Street
Suite 3
Dover, DE 19901

This is concerning my brother Michael Rose whom is incarcerated in the Delaware Correctional Center. I Sandra Rosen being his sister was informed that he was given a death sentence by this facility in which he is being held. Michael has had poor health problems and was not treated with the proper medical attention from what I can understand from him. He also explained that he has 6 months to a year to live. This news has torn our family up and sparked insight to why he is not getting the proper attention. We could not believe how he was treated and now he is dying. If they had treated him for this disease, his life could have been prolonged. We love our brother very much and if there is a way we would want him to be home with us so we could take care of him, he doesn't deserve this.

Mike is really a great person, you people don't know him except from what you see on paper. I know he has been in trouble, has a record and he has did his time for all that. My brother is not a rapist, murder, or a child molester. ~~_____~~ Mike has never tried to fight an officer of the law either; yes he has run from them. Most of his trouble was due to his drinking and drugs. I plea for what time he has and please let him come home to die. We his family will take care of him and make sure he gets the proper medical attrition he desperately needs.

We do love our brother and worry about him; so please try to understand we are pleading for what life he has left.

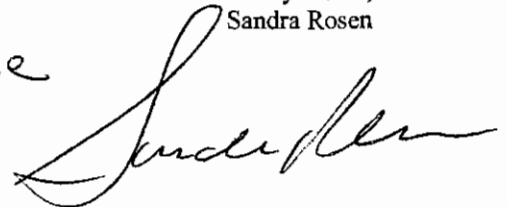
My brother can live here with me and my son here in North Carolina. I have lived here for the past 28 years and have no plans on going anywhere. I also have a cleaning business and I have work that he can do. My brother will be too ill to work away from home so I think that would work out great for the both of us. I can use him to help me with my business and he would be good.

I hope you take all that I have said with great consideration and believe me that Mike needs to come home to die. He needs to be with his family.

1-704-485-4898

Phone

Sincerely Yours,
Sandra Rosen



3-1-04

Secretary Of State
401 Federal Street Suite 3
Dover, Delaware 28163
C/o Jane Smith
20-01-01

Dear Secretary of State;

I'm writing this letter concerning my brother, Michael Lee Rose which is incarcerated in the Delaware Correctional Center in Syrmia, Delaware. Michael is going up in front of the Board of Pardons and I am concerned for him. I had written a letter early to the state and Jane Smith was very helpful and I hope she can help me again.

I know my brother will need a place to stay and a job if he is released. I do own a business and I can put him to work here at home helping me with it. Mike is really sick and he was told by a Doctor in that facility that he had 6 months to a year to live and if this is true I would love for him to be with his family here in North Carolina. I have lived here for 23 years and have my own home and I have no plans of going anywhere and Mike could stay here with me and my son.

I would appreciate if you were to take this in consideration for it would make all the difference in the world to us and to him. We don't him to die in there. I do thank you for your time, which I know there is so much going on in this country now and understand how busy you are.

Please take a little time and it will be appreciated.

Sincerely,
Sandra Rosen

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read 'Sandra Rosen', written in dark ink.

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Definition of Interferon

A Good place to start

Our Interferon Main Article provides a comprehensive look at the who, what, when and how of Interferon

Interferon: A naturally occurring substance that interferes with the ability of viruses to reproduce. [Interferon](#) also boosts the immune system.

There are a number of different interferons. They fall into three main classes : alpha, beta, and gamma. All are proteins (lymphokines) normally produced by tl body in response to infection. The interferons have been synthesized using recombinant DNA technology.

The goal of interferon therapy is to eradicate a virus from an infected person. Using interferon, for example, to eradicate the hepatitis B or C virus will, it is hoped, prevent the future development of cirrhosis and cancer of the liver. This may require months and even years of interferon treatment and may not be effective in many patients.

In therapeutic doses, interferon can be hard to tolerate because of the side-effects, with flu-like symptoms such as fatigue, headache and aches and, less regularly, low thyroid activity, [arthritis](#), low platelet count and [depression](#) which can attain suicidal proportions.

Interferon was discovered in 1957 by the Alick Isaacs and Jean Lindenmann (who did not receive the Nobel Prize for their discovery). Interferon is so named because of its ability to interfere with virus reproduction.

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Newly Diagnosed with Hepatitis C

What's the Treatment?

If you test positive for hepatitis C, you need to see a doctor -- even if you feel fine. The first step is to find out whether you have liver disease.

Even if there's no disease, you should talk with your doctor about whether treatment is right for you.

The state-of-the-art treatment is combination therapy. One part of the treatment is a new form of interferon called pegylated interferon alpha -- this medicine is injected weekly. The second part of the treatment is the antiviral pill ribavirin.

Treatment is no walk in the park. It lasts for 24 to 48 weeks. Both interferon and ribavirin have serious side effects. About 50% of people with genotype 1 hepatitis C -- the most common form of hepatitis C -- respond to treatment. About 80% of people with genotypes 2 and 3 respond to treatment.

Bob I was not given any treatment
 If you've had hepatitis C for many years and already have extensive liver damage, you may need a liver transplant. This means having your old liver removed and replaced with a liver from an organ donor. It's a serious operation, but one that is lifesaving for many people.

If you choose not to be treated right away -- or if treatment doesn't get rid of your hepatitis C -- taking care of yourself becomes more important than ever before. It's very important to stop drinking alcohol and taking recreational drugs. Alcohol and drugs can kill liver cells. It's also important to check with your doctor before taking any kind of medicine or herbal remedy -- even if it's sold over the counter, and even if you've taken it before.

Fortunately, new treatments are on the way. It's likely that these new drugs will be used in combination with existing agents to improve the chances of a cure.

Medically reviewed by Cynthia Haines, MD, July 2004.

SOURCES: CDC. National Institute of Diabetes & Digestive & Kidney Diseases.

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